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**1923 WHOLESALE** 

# Catalog of Small Fruit Plants KIGER'S NURSERYMAR 8 1923

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### **Northern Grown Plants**

We believe there can be no better plants grown than we grow here in Michigan. Western Michigan is the home of all kinds of small fruits. Soil is sandy, which produces large thrifty root system. If some nurseryman tells you that his plants are better than the others because his plants are new land plants or pedigreed plants, don't believe it, because he is only talking to charge you a big price for the plants. We know how to grow plants and we grow more plants ourselves than many of the firms who send out big colored catalogs. We are sure our quality plants will please you. Many growers are clearing from \$500.00 to \$800.00 an acre from berries. There was never a better time than now to start in the business. You should at least set out enough plants for home use. Every home should have plenty of big red strawberries three times a day and all summer, too.

### **Champion Everbearing Strawberries**

A great new everbearing strawberry that originated in this locality. Good plant maker, very productive, bright red, and fine flavor. Fruit stems stand out more than on the other everbearers, making them more easy to pick. Pefect flowers. The commercial everbearer. The originator picked in 129 days, 352 16-quart crates, or 5,632 quarts of Champion Everbearing Strawberries from one acre, or 17,000 plants set 1 foot by 30 inches. This record was made in 223 days from the time the plants were set. The berries sold for \$2,059.20. The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C. has no record that has exceeded this one from one acre without irrigation. We planted heavy on the Champion this season, buying our plants direct from the introducer. At our low prices you should place your order early to be sure of getting plants.

#### **EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES**

The Everbearing Strawberry is a big success. Plants set out in the spring will produce a good crop of berries the same season they are planted. The next June they will yield a big crop and then bear abundantly all summer and fall, up until the ground freezes. We have tried many varieties, but now grow only the Progressive, Superb and the new Champion. We set out our first Progressive plants eight years ago and that season sold berries to more than pay for the plants four times, and had plenty of berries for home use. Our berries have sold for 50c a quart wholesale on the St. Joseph market for three seasons. Plants guaranteed to be genuine everbearers. We have a good supply of the finest plants we have ever grown and our prices are again very low. Many firms are short on their supply of everbearing strawberry plants and are asking about double our price. To be sure of securing the plants the earlier you order the better as our supply will very likely be gone before the season is over as the demand is great. Late in the season we have to disapoint many by returning their money.

Progressive---per. A great plant maker and very prolific, producing berries on new runners as well as the mother plants. Dark red clear through and quality the best. We have fine plants, the rows meet, and genuine Progressive, real quality plants grown from fields set out extra early. Our supply is about 200,000 plants of this one variety. Take our advice and plant Progressive. Be sure to order early.

Superb---per. A well named variety. The largest of the fall bearers. Fine quality, big glossy red berries. Produces a big yield in the spring as well as fall. Include Superb.

#### 1923 PRICE LIST

50 at 100 rate; 300 or over at 1000 rate; where price not given.

#### **Strawberry Plants**

Dunlap, Missionary, \$3.50, 1000; 45c, 50; 75c, 100; \$1.20, 200; \$1.50, 300; \$1.90, 500.

Gibson, Glen Mary, Wm. Belt, Pocomoke, Charles I, Klondyke, Sample, Warfield, Aroma, Gandy, Excelsior, Haverland, Rewastico, New York, Campbell's Early, Brandywine, Uncle Jim, Bederwood, Steven's Late Champion, \$4.50, 1000; 50c per 50; \$1.00, 100; \$1.50, 200; \$1.80, 300; \$2.25, 500; 10,000 Gibson, \$40.00.

World's Wonder, Premier, \$6.00, 1000; \$1.20, 100; \$1.90, 200; \$2.20, 300; \$3.00, 500.

 $\nearrow$  Big Joe Crampton, Joe Johnson, \$7.00, 1000; \$1.30, 100; \$2.00, 200; \$2.40, 300.

NEW VARIETIES FOR TRIAL, 50c PER 25: \$1.25, 100:

Bushel Basket, Evening Star, St. Martin, New Oregon, Gold Dollar, Etterberg, X Big Tom, Clark's Seedling

EVERBEARING---Progressive, Superb, \$9.50, 1000;

75c per 50: \$1.25, 100; \$2.50, 200; \$3.75, 300; \$5.50, 500; \$45.00 for 5,000.

**EVERBE** 7G---New Champion, \$15.00, 1000;

\$1.25 per 50; \$1.75 per 100 for less than 1000 plants.

999 GIANT TWO NEW WONDERFUL EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES LUCKY STRIKE
999 GIANT---VERY LARGE, THE BEST 1 ROD SQUARE BED PRODUCED 225 PINTS

**Black Raspberries** 

Cumberland, Plum Farmer, Kansas, 70c, 10; \$2.00, 100; \$5.25, 300; \$14.00, 1000.

#### **Red Raspberries**

King, 75c per 10; \$2.75, 100; \$6.25, 300; \$18.00. 1000.

Columbian Purple, St. Regis Everbearing, 80c per 10; \$3.25, 100; \$23.50, 1000.

Welch Red Raspberry---New variety that is an enormous yielder, 85c 10; \$2.50, 50.

Columbian Purple Raspberry---Will produce one-third to one-half more fruit than any Black Cap varieties. Hardy. Fruit large, conical shape, excellent quality, similar to the Black kinds. Dark red color, bordering on purple. Ripens late and has a long season, and brings high prices. Extra fine plants, but supply not large.

#### **Blackberries**

Eldorado, Mersereau, Lucretia Dewberries, 85c, 10; \$3.25, 100; \$27.50, 1000.
Lucretia Dewberries---\$20.00 per 1000.

CURRANTS---London Market, Red Cross, Black-Champion, 25c each; \$1.90, 10. GOOSEBERRIES---Houghton and Downing, 25c each; \$2.00, 10.

GRAPES---Concord, 15c each; \$1.00, 10; 1 yr. No. 1, \$6.00, 100; \$50.00, 1000. 1 yr. No. 2, \$4.50, 100; \$38.50, 1000.

GRAPES---Concord, fine 2 yr. No. 1, 20c each; \$1.50, 10; \$8.00, 100; \$65.00, 1000.

GRAPES---Moore's Early, Worden, Wyoming---red, Niagara---white, all 2 yr. No. 1 plants; Delaware---red, 1 yr. No. 1, etc.; 25c each; \$2.00, 10; \$12.00, 100.

ASPARAGUS---Conover's Colossal, Palmetto, \$1.00, 100; \$8.00, 1000.

RHUBARB---Western Market, Victoria, 75c per 12. HORSERADISH, \$1.00, 12.

#### **Ornamental Shrubs**

Syringa, White Lilac, 65c each.

Spirea Van Houttei, Bridal Wreath, 40c each.

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Weigela, blooms after lilac, deep pink, 50c each.

California Privet, hedge plant, 15c each. \$1.50, 25.

Syringa, Purple Lilac, 65c each.

Alethea, Rose of Sharon, red, pink, blue, white, 75c each.

Weigela, dark carmine red, 65c each.

Snowberry, 45c each.

Barberry Thunbergii, hedge plant, 22c each.

Snowball, 60c each. Boston Ivy, vine. 50c each. German Iris, fine for cutting, 2 each of 4 colors 50c.

Gladioli Bulbs---Special Quality Mixture, 20 for 60c.

MIXED STRAWBERRY PLANTS...GOOD PRODUCTIVE KINDS AND THRIFTY PLANTS, \$3.00 PER 1000

### ORDER SHEET

	Nursery	TO  •• FROM	Sawyer,	Mich.
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Enclosed find \$	for which	ch please sh	ip the following:	
Quantity		Variety		Price

Send Names and Addresses of Berry Growers and we will include Extra Plants.

Remarks:

QUANTITY VARIETY PRICE

#### **Guarantee and Conditions Under Which Plants Are Sold**

GUARANTEE---All labeling and packing done with greatest care. All plants guaranteed true to name. Should any prove otherwise, we will replace same on satisfactory proof. It is understood between the purchaser and ourselves that we are not liable for any greater amount than paid for stock. All Nursery Stock sold delivered to our shipping office.

THRIFTY PLANTS---From one of our Ohio customers: "Just a line to tell you the plants I bought from you last spring made an excellent growth. I have three acres to pick next season. Many people ask me about the plants, I tell them Kiger's is the place to get them. I expect to plant ten thousand next spring. The Premier and Gibson seem to do best in our section. Can you give me a price on those two varieties at this time for spring planting. I want to get my order in early so you can get the plants to me in good time."

# Our Frost-Proof Cabbage Plants

# Will Mature Heads Two to Three Weeks Earlier Than Your Home Grown Plants and Double Your Profits---Why?

There are a number of islands along the Sea Coast of South Carolina, where the soil and climatic conditions are just suited for growing tough, hardy Cabbage plants during the Winter and early Spring. The plants make a slow but steady growth, until at eight to ten weeks of age they are very tough and hardy, the buds are purple and the outer leaves are redish brown. When in this condition they can be shipped to teritory farther north and be planted in the open ground a month to six weeks sooner than home-grown hot bed or cold frame plants. These Frost-Proof Cabbage plants will stand a temperature of 20 degrees above zero without injury. The land freezing, or the plants being covered with ice, sleet or snow after they are planted will not injure them, providing temperature does not go below 20 degrees above zero.

The top of the plant does not grow until your regular Spring weather opens up, but the roots grow from the time they are planted, and just as soon as spring weather starts, the established root growth assimilates the fertilizer in the soil, the plants grow very fast, maturing headed cabbage two to three weeks sooner than you can mature them from hot bed or cold frame plants. You know what the difference in profit will be if your crop is matured and marketed before the general crop from home grown plants is matured. To get the advantage of these Frost Proof Cabbage Plants they must be planted a month or six weeks earlier than you would plant home grown plants. We fill orders from December 1 to May 25. The plants when received will be somewhat wilted and have a hard stunted appearance, which will be disappointing to persons who have never used these plants before. Regardless of appearances, they will produce the crop results.

#### Varieties: Early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Large Type Wakefield, Succession and Early Flat Dutch

PRICES BY PARCEL POST, postage paid: In lots of 100, 200, 300, or 400 plants at 50c per 100 plants; 500 for \$1.60; 1000 or more at \$3.00 per 1000 plants.

PRICES BY EXPRESS, buyer paying express charges: In lots of 1000 to 3000 plants at \$2.00 per 1000; 5000 or more at \$1.50 per 1000. Plants packed weigh about 25 lbs., 1000.

When we receive your order for these plants, we have to forward it to our growing station which takes several days. Plants are shipped direct to you from growing station. Plants cannot be pulled or shipped when beds are wet. If you do not receive your Cabbage plants as soon as you expect them, you will know that weather prevents shipment. Send your order two or three weeks before you expect to set the plants and you will get them on time.

# Beautiful Gladiolus

The Gladiolus is a flower of easy culture and does well in any soil, but should be planted in full exposure to the sun. As a cut flower it has no equal. There is no finer garden flower, and the finest specimens are shown if the spike is cut when the first bud opens and allowed to develop in the house; every bud on the stalk will open and the richest colorings result. Bulbs should be planted at intervals from the middle of April till the first of July for a succession of flowers. Plant the bulbs 3 inches apart and rows about 12 to 18 inches. Our Special Quality Gladioli Mixture includes many choice named sorts and can not be compared with the ordinary cheap mixtures usually offered. Flowers worth growing.

Concord Grapes ---An average year a commercial vineyard should bring the grower \$200.00 or more per acre after paying the cost of picking and the packages. Reliable growers describe as follows:

The leading commercial variety of Black Grapes. It is possible to make from \$250.00 to \$500.00 from an acre. A vineyard is permanent, giving you an income as long as you live. The Concord Grape plants we are offering this season are the finest we ever listed. We have a large supply all varieties grapes.

#### Lucretia Dewberries

The berries are earlier, larger and incomparably better than any blackberry. It is hardy and exceedingly prolific, thriving everywhere. The fruit is of excellent quality, bright jet black, rich and melting, and a good shipper.

QUALITY---An Ohio customer, ordering plants writes: "Plants received last year were fine. I set out an acre last year, ordering half the plants from you and half from a high priced firm and can't see any difference. I intend to set out an acre of plants next year and intend to get the plants of you."

Ornamental Shrubery and a California Privet Hedge adds beauty and value to your home. Special prices on any Shrub in lots of 10 or more.

#### GIVE YOUR PRICE LIST TO A FRIEND, WRITE FOR ANOTHER



# The New Champion Everbearing Strawberries

The originator's description of the New Champion Everbearing Strawberry is given as follows: "I was fortunate enough in 1915 to secure two everbearing strawberry plants from a well known grower and breeder of new everbearers. They have proven very successful as a commercial crop. There is no variety of everbearers that will stand the extreme drouth as the Champion. On our plant farm in the last three years, they have continued to bear heavily all through the drouth period. This new variety is very highly productive. Have found as many as 256 berries on one plant. This no doubt seems to be a strong statement, and seems an imposibility to those not acquainted with this wonderful new everbearer, but the real worth can not be appreciated until you see them Think of it, fine dark red delicious strawberries from July till all vegetation is frozen. Sixty days after they are set out they are loaded with buds and blossoms in all stages of development. This is the greatest advance in fruit The Champion Everbearer is a perfect flowering berry, and can be planted alone, one that is hardy, a good plant maker, a profitable bearer of fine quality fruit that is superior to all other everbearing varieties."

# Black Raspberries a Money Maker

**Cumberland**—This variety is known as the "Business Black Cap." This is the largest of all the standard black raspberries. They are healthy vigorous growers and as hardy as any known variety. There are more Cumberland grown here than all other varieties. The fruit is large, jet black and fine quality. A money maker. We have a large supply of Black Raspberry plants this season, the finest plants we ever listed. Order now as the demand is great.

**Plum Farmer**—The most profitable early variety. Berries are large, very attractive, firm, meaty texture. Hardy and prolific. Matures its entire crop of berries in a very short time. Good shipper. Quality plants.

Kansas---One of the best main crop varieties. Commences to ripen early and has quite a long fruiting season. The canes are of strong growth, hardy and exceedingly prolific. Berries large, firm, sweet and best quality. One of the best shippers. Include the Kansas Black Raspberry in your order.

## St. Regis Everbearing Red Raspberries

The famous everbearing raspberry that is now one of the most valuable commercial varieties. The St. Regis when planted in the spring will produce young canes in a few weeks, which will bear a crop of fruit from midsummer till frost comes. The next summer the old canes produce as many berries as any other red varieties, then the young canes commence to bear and produce fruit continuously till cold weather. It is early and very hardy. Berries are large size, bright crimson, good shipper and the finest quality.

The only difference between our plants and the high priced plants, is the price. You will be pleased with our thrifty, northern grown plants.

#### SPRING STRAWBERRIES

**Premier.**—per. No early variety equals Premier. Very long season. We have been growing this variety four seasons and everyone who has seen it fruiting has at once said they had never seen its equal. It produces a large crop of uniform berries, deep red and highest quality. Adapted to all localities and the variety for both small and large grower. Large plants with a heavy root system. We planted heavy on Premier, but not enough plants to supply the demand. Place your order now.

Gibson---per. The leading market berry and best general purpose variety adapted to all localities. More Gibson strawberries are grown in the big berry shipping fruit belt of wesern Michigan than all other varieties combined. Very productive, fruiting medium early to quite late, great layers of berries, easy to pick. Dark green foliage. Berries large, beautiful dark red, highest quality and one of the best sellers. You will make no mistake in planting the wonderful Gibson strawberry. Big supply of plants, but as demand is great, order early.

Senator Dunlap---per. One of the best general purpose varieties, adapted to all localities. We sell more Dunlap and Gibson plants than any other kinds. Heavy bearer, large, dark red color and excellent quality. A great plant maker. One of the best varieties for market and home use. A money maker. If you plant only one variety, select Dunlap, Gibson or World's Wonder. Mid-season to early. The demand for Dunlap plants is large and our price is very low. We expect to have enough plants to fill all orders, but order early to make sure.

Dr. Burrill---per. Can see no difference between Dr. Burrill and Dunlap.

World's Wonder---per. A wonderful new variety introduced seven years ago. One of the largest berries grown and very productive. A show berry that is fast becoming a leading commercial variety. Makes wide rows of fine large plants. Fine flavor, very red, and great loads of fruit easy to pick. We fruited World's Wonder last season and find it leads all main crop varieties. Mid-season to late. Good supply of plants. If you want to grow the best berries in your neighborhood, plant this variety. Order now as will sell quick at our low price.

Big Joe Crampton—per. The high quality latest variety. The Big Joe was the latest berry on the market with commercial growers here last season. A good plant maker. The first berry on each stem is usually double or wedge shaped. Large, showy, one of the best sellers as they ripen after nearly all other kinds are gone. If you are looking for the most productive very late berry, take our advice and plant this one. We have a good supply of plants. Order early.

**Pocomoke**—per. Medium season. Beautiful and enormously productive. Makes one of the most profitable main crop varieties. Plants strong, thrifty growers adapted to all soils. Berries large, bright red, firm and good flavor. We have a large supply of quality plants. Be sure to include Pocomoke plants.

Aroma---per. Nearly as late as Gandy and about twice as productive. Berry smooth and beautiful glossy red color, showy, very firm and high quality. One of the leading market varieties. Extra fine plants but the supply will not be equal to the demand. Order now.

Campbell's Early---per. Early. Heavy cropping, commercial variety. Berries large, firm, sweet and nearly round. One of the best early berries. Plants very large and thrifty. Never plants left for late orders.

Joe Johnson---per. A high quality very late variety. Good plant maker. Plants large and productive. Berries are very large, glossy red, attractive and sells for highest prices. Quality late variety. Plants scarce, order early.

Wm. Belt---per. A fancy berry, very large conical shape, crimson, and finest flavor berry grown. Quality of Wm. Belt unsurpassed. Large plants. Late. Include Wm. Belt.

WE HAVE A BIG SUPPLY OF THE FINEST RASPBERRY AND GRAPE PLANTS WE EVER LISTED

Charles I---per. Good new extra early berry. Produces abundance of large berries.

**Excelsior**—per. One of the earliest to ripen. Standard variety suitable to all sections.

Missionary---per. Early. Fancy market variety of south. Makes a big crop in north. Great drouth resister. Berries are large, firm, well colored, holds size well throughout season.

Warfield---imp. Deep glossy red, productive. Plant with Dunlap. A money maker.

Gandy---per. Late. Extensively grown. Large, bright red, one of the best shippers.

Glen Mary--per. Enormously productive of large irregular shaped berries. Both quality and quantity. Berries firm and a good shipper. Medium late. No better plants anywhere.

**Sample**---imp. One of the most profitable. Choice quality. Plant with Aroma, etc.

New York---per. Plants are strong growers, will produce a good crop on light soils. An oblong berry, mild flavor. Productive. Mid-season. Nice large plants. Give it a trial.

Bederwood---per. Ripens early and continues until quite late. One of the surest croppers and a great drouth resister. Makes wide rows, enormously productive. Quality plants.

Haverland---imp. Large, fine quality and a great producer. Plant with Dunlap, etc.

**Brandywine**---per. Our latest berry the past season. Large, fine flavor, productive.

Klondyke---per. Early. A leading market berry. Plants very vigorous and healthy. Makes a good fruiting bed which bears a fine crop of bright red berries. Big supply of plants.

Steven's Late Champion---per. Late. More productive than Gandy.

CULTURE---First you should select good rich ground, although most any kind of soil will grow good berries; and CULTURE—First you should select good rich ground, although most any kind of soil will grow good defries, and ground that has grown garden truck, corn or potatoes is preferred. Prepare the ground same as for a crop of potatoes. We use an ordinary garden line and make a "V" shaped hole with a common garden spade Set the plants so that the crown of plants will be just even with the top of the ground. Perfect flowering varieties may be set alone. If you set an imperfect flowering kind, at least every third row should be planted to a perfect variety. Plants should be cultivated about every week and after each rain, to keep a crust from forming. Cultivate only deep enough to kill the weeds, one-half inch around plants and three inches in the middles is about right. A one-horse garden cultivator is the best tool for cultivating. Hoe around plants when necessary and keep all blossoms pinched off the first season. In the fall, when the ground freezes, cover with straw, leaves, etc. Cultivate Everbearing plants as above; only pick blossoms off until July 1.

IMPORTANT---If, for some reason, you are not ready to set plants early in season, it is a good plan to have the plants shipped early, and then on arrival of plants, open the bundles and line out carefully until ready to set out. Plants treated in this reason is the plants and the plants are the plants. treated in this manner will be much in advance of plants dug and shipped late in the season.

#### YOU DON'T HELP PAY FOR EXPENSIVE COLORED CATALOGS, WHEN YOU BUY PLANTS OF US

A customer in W. Va. writes: "The Joe Crampton strawberries I bought of you last year are fruiting now and they are the finest large berries I ever grew." An Illinois mursery agent says: "Your plants are sure fine; you pack your plants so well. You are like myself—you always want your customers to have their money's worth." This customer's plant orders amounted to over \$500.00 in one year, and he has been a steady customer since 1916. Maryland: "Plants came by parcel post in fine condition." Kentucky: "I received your plants, they sure were in fine condition, every one lived." Michigan: "I have bought plants of several Michigan growers; but you sent the best plants we ever bought." New York: "Gibson variety now producing a most wonderful crop." New Jersey: "Plants received in good condition, been planted sometime, every plant has lived and now full of blossoms." Ohio: "Received plants O. K., all set out, doing well. Many thanks for extra plants." Iowa: "The balance of the berry plants came in fine condition. I thank you for the extra plants also for being so prompt in filling the order." Illinois: "I received the strawberry plants today and many thanks for your promptness. I told my wife Monday to send you the order and have received plants Thursday. I consider your plants No. 1." New Jersey: "I received vines in good condition. Thank you for big value."

#### BIGGLE BOOKS---50c Each, Postpaid

Berry Book, Poultry Book, Garden Book, Orchard Book, Cow Book, Bee Book, Swine Book, Sheep Book, Horse Book, Pet Book; all cloth bound, average about 140 pages, beutifully illustrated. Berries, poultry, etc. in colors.

Market Grower's Journal---Semi-monthly Magazine, the garden for profit, \$1.50 a year. We take orders.

#### CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION No. 2633

This is to certify that I have examined the nursery stock of Kiger's Nursery, of Sawyer, Michigan, and find it apparently free from dangerous insects and dangerously contagious tree and plant diseases. This certificate to be void after July 31, 1923.

BUREAU OF FOODS AND STANDARDS, W. P. HARTMAN, Director.

State Department of Agriculture, Lansing, Mich., Sept. 7, 1922.

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

LOCATION---Berrien county, Michigan, the greatest berry growing section in the United States. On the Pere Marquette R. R., only 70 miles from Chicago, giving quick shipping connections to all parts.

TERMS---Cash with order. We will book order when one-third of amount accompanies the order, the balance to be paid before stock is shipped. Remit by Money Order, Bank Draft, Registered Letter or Personal Check.

EXPRESS SHIPMENTS---Except for small orders, we advise shipping by Express. Plants take a special low rate; then too, the express company is responsible for the safe delivery of the shipment.

PARCEL POST—If you wish plants by mail, be sure to add postage for the zone in which you reside. Strawberries average 4 pounds per 100, or 30 pounds per 1000; Red Raspberries, 7 pounds, and Black Raspberries, Blackberries, Grapes, etc., 11 pounds per 100. Careful packing with damp moss included in averages. We can also ship your plants C. O. D. for entire amount of postage, if desired. If you wish plants insured allow for same.

SECOND CHOICE---Be sure to give second and third choice, especially late in the season. We will substitute a variety as near like the one ordered, unless you say not to substitute, should we be out of the variety ordered.

NUMBER OF PLANTS to set an acre of Strawberries 18 inches by 3 1-2 feet, 8,300.

COMPLAINTS---If any, must be made within seven days after receipt of plants.

GUARANTEE---All labeling and packing done with greatest care. All plants guaranteed true to name. Should any prove otherwise, we will replace same on satisfactory proof. It is understood between the purchaser and ourselves that we are not liable for any greater amount than paid for stock.

SHIPPING SEASON---Latter part of March to about May 25th,

#### SAWYER, MICHIGAN